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The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Bounteous God, whose grace is the crown of Your glory, teach us to be more gracious. Forgive us for uncharitable acts, for cutting words, and for harsh judgment. Deliver us from bitterness of spirit that makes us revel in that which is petty and unkind. Empower our lawmakers to do Your will. Use them to bring down walls of injustice and to confront the evil that festers in our world. May their work bring light to the darkness of these times.

Lift us all into the sunlight of Your generous spirit that we may focus on things pure, true, lovely, productive, and helpful. Let Your peace which passes all understanding reign in our hearts.

We pray in Your holy Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order the leadership time is reserved.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we are resuming our work on the Depart-

ment of Defense authorization bill. This afternoon provides a good opportunity for Senators to come to the floor and offer Defense-related amendments. Under last week's order, at 4 o'clock today the Senate will proceed to executive session to begin consideration of Sandra Ikuta to be a circuit court judge for the Ninth Circuit. We have allocated an hour of debate on the nomination and, therefore, the vote will occur at 5 p.m. on the Ikuta nomination.

Tomorrow we will return to Defense authorization again. I encourage Members to work with the two bill managers to determine the best time to debate their amendments. I hope the Senate will maintain focus on the pending issue of authorizing appropriations for our military activities. We can complete this bill in a reasonable period of time this week if Senators will work with the chairman and ranking member on relevant amendments. Our two managers have a great deal of experience in shepherding this bill through on the floor and have already done a great job working together to clear amendments on both sides of the aisle.

Having said that, I look forward to moving forward on this bill and completing our work on it at the earliest possible time.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WARNER. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the two leaders and I and Senator KENNEDY have had an opportunity to talk about, first, the parliamentary situation and, secondly, an amendment that the Sen-

ator from Massachusetts desires to bring up. We have come to an agreement whereby for the next 30 minutes, we will leave the procedure of the pending amendment in place, and the Senator from Massachusetts will be recognized to address the Senate with regard to the subject of an amendment that he intends to bring up at some point in time. I ask unanimous consent that the Senator from Massachusetts now be recognized for a period of 30 minutes.

### MAGNUSON-STEVENS FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

Mr. WARNER. Before I finish, I have a request of the leadership. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 389, S. 2012.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SUNUNU). The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2012) to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *SHORT TITLE.*—This Act may be cited as the “Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Amendment of Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Sec. 3. Changes in findings and definitions.

Sec. 4. Highly migratory species.

Sec. 5. Total allowable level of foreign fishing.

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